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# Interest rates on federal student loans double



Russell Edem | Collegian

**Bill Glover** (center), president of the K-State chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, talks to **Majorie Pfister** (left), Manhattan resident, **Pat Embers** (right), Manhattan resident, and **Donna Potts** (far right), professor of English, at a rally to protest and raise awareness about the federal student loan interest rate increase in Triangle Park on June 27.

**Jakki Thompson**  
edge editor

K-State graduate Chris Littrell believes student loans are becoming a major economic crisis. Littrell, who graduated in 2012, is one of millions of students impacted by the change in the federal subsidized Stafford loan interest rate, which doubled from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1.

Littrell, currently a graduate student at Loyola University in Chicago, said by the time he finishes his master's degree, he will be \$100,000 in debt. He said the student loan interest rate increase means he won't have his loans plus interest paid off until he is in his mid-40s.

Subsidized Stafford loans are available only to undergraduate students with financial need — students whose cost of attendance exceeds the amount their families can contribute — and students are not required to pay interest on their loans until six months after college. Students are limited to borrowing only \$3,500 in subsidized loans for their freshman year, \$4,500 for their sophomore year and \$5,500 for every following year. Students can receive up to \$23,000 total in subsidized loans.

Prior to July 1, the interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans was fixed at 3.4 percent, but now the rate stands at 6.8 percent. It is unclear whether Congress will act to lower the interest rate after re-

"Many students who don't have financial assistance from their families will be unable to attend college because it will be too expensive."

**Bill Glover**  
president of the K-State chapter  
of the American Federation of Teachers

As in 2012, Congress had the opportunity to extend the lower 3.4 percent interest rate on student loans before the July 1 deadline. Unlike last year, however, Congress recessed for the July 4 holiday before achieving a compromise, instead allowing the interest rate to double on Monday.

Last Thursday, still waiting for Congress to act, local community members, students and faculty held a rally in Triangle Park to raise awareness about the federal student loan interest rate increase.

"This event was the first of many different events to be used to distribute information and an informal protest," said Bryan Pfeifer, organizing coordinator for the Kansas chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. "We are demanding that Congress act immediately to not pass this piece of legislation to increase federal student loan interest rates. We are opposing the higher tuition rates for all Kansas schools and many of the other cuts being made in colleges and universities state-wide."

Federal Stafford loans are available to students at lower rates than private loans and can be subsidized or unsubsidized by the Department of Educa-

turning from their Fourth of July recess, before students begin securing new loans in August.

"We came out to show support for our students," said Bill Glover, president of the K-State chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, at the rally on Thursday. "Students are being priced out of their education. If this student loan increase happens, it will put an immense amount of financial pressure on students. Many students who don't have financial assistance from their parents or families will be unable to attend college because it will just be too expensive."

The unsubsidized Stafford loan is not limited to low-income students, includes larger caps on borrowing and requires students to pay back the interest on their loan while attending college.

The federal government currently profits from student loans under regulations set by the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990. According to a June 10 Congressional Budget Office report, the increase in the student loan interest rate will create an estimated \$37 billion in savings for the federal government in 2013.

# DOMA repeal a landmark step forward in long struggle for LGBT equality



Jakki Thompson

On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court of the United States voted 5-4 to repeal the Defense Of Marriage Act. DOMA, a federal act that defined marriage as between one man and one woman, was signed into law by former President Bill Clinton in September 1996.

Its repeal opened the floodgates for same-sex couples to get married, although individual states will continue to decide whether to recognize same-sex marriage. The federal government will recognize the marriages of the same-sex couples who choose to marry within states that have legalized same-sex marriage, opening federal benefits to those couples.

This is an important mark for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in moving toward no longer being considered second class citizens.

One of the benefits of the DOMA repeal is the immigration reform it will bring. Same-sex couples in bi-national relationships will now be able to sponsor their partners, as well as live in the same countries as their partners. According to a June 29 Huffington Post article by Charlene Obernauer, there are 40,000 same-sex bi-national couples living in the U.S. "Even immigration reform would not have had this impact on GLBT immigrants," the article states.

This is important for same-sex couples who are in love with people who don't currently have citizenship in the particular country they are living in. Those with citizenship, particularly in the United States, will now be

able to sponsor their partner for a green card and partners can be granted citizenship. This is crucial for bi-national couples currently living in fear of being separated due to potential deportation.

Another benefit of the repeal of DOMA is that it no longer puts an additional financial burden on businesses that have historically welcomed and created an all-inclusive workplace for all people, including members of the LGBT community. Upon the repeal of DOMA the money paid in additional taxes will be funneled back into those businesses who had all-inclusive policies from the beginning. According to a June 26 Forbes article by Anna Secino, "Google, Microsoft and Starbucks are among the 97 corporations included as members within the Business Coalition for DOMA Repeal, which voiced the belief that DOMA unfairly targeted same-sex couples, putting them at a financial disadvantage and, on a larger scale, leading to decreased productivity and thwarted recruitment efforts."

Upon the repeal of DOMA, the concept of "grossing up," a practice whereby employers reimbursed LGBT employees for the taxes paid on some portion of their income, will be diminished or even eliminated. Companies who were forced to make same-sex employees pay additional taxes have decided to reimburse these couples to help with

employee retention. They filed a legal brief in 2011, writing that DOMA "forces us to discriminate against a class of our lawfully-married

employees, upon whose welfare and morale our own success in part depends."

The repeal of DOMA also opens up thousands of

federal benefits to same-sex married couples. According to a June 26 NBC article by Daniel Arkin, federal benefits opened up to same-sex married couples include military married

spousal benefits, military veterans' benefits, estate tax exemptions, survivor benefits, tax-free employee health insurance, emergency leave and many different IRS perks. This is important for same-sex couples who have been married for years and whose places of employment haven't recognized their partners as spouses entitled to benefits. Even though assimilation isn't what all same-sex couples aspire to, it is still important for others to have the ability to receive benefits and equality.

Currently, Washington, D.C. and 12 other states recognize same-sex marriage: Iowa, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. With the recent decision of the Supreme Court to uphold the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's decision on Proposition 8, California will also re-legalize same-sex marriage.

Same-sex couples who chose to marry within these 13 states will be granted federal benefits from their employers. Currently, as someone who is planning to get married now that DOMA is repealed, I am grateful to hear that my marriage will be federally recognized.

It's important to me to be a part of a society that on some level will recognize that I don't have to love someone of the opposite sex to be truly in love. The discussion of this significant event encompasses much more than the points that were brought up in this article, but it's important to see that the repeal of DOMA will have many benefits for the LGBT community and American society.

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# Personal convictions should take backseat to compromise, keeping an open mind



Michael Pagels

One of the hardest lessons I've had to learn after 23 years is how to face being wrong gracefully. Like most college students, I changed my major multiple times while obtaining my undergraduate degree. At 18, I was sure I wanted to be a professional musician, and after finding my passions were elsewhere I still changed my major two more times. I found there was a stigma surrounding changing your major, yet it always seemed silly for me to have known what I wanted to do with my life while being so young.

So, why are students made to feel guilty about changing their major? I believe it's the fact that you are admitting you were wrong, and that's something that goes against human nature. This innate protest to the shame of admitting a failure transgresses into all aspects of our lives, not just the short time spent at college.

I want to bring to your attention the idea of conviction, or the idea of being strongly persuaded or convinced in a belief or standpoint. Conviction is important; it gives us a stable definition of our self and confidence in who we are as people. It is, unfortunately, also a fallacy that we get complacent with. You must remember that as firmly held as your beliefs are, you came to those through years of experience. Others, who have gone through completely different experiences, might have reached a different end belief or understanding than you and have conviction as well.

These individuals who hold different beliefs can be strangers, friends, teachers or family members, and depending on their relationship with you, it's easy to get up in arms in a political or religious debate where you are at odds. This is where I feel there needs to be a change, though it's not easy. While it is important to have conviction, it's more important to be open to the vast amount of information and stances in the world. This is more important than your major; this is what wars and revolutions are started on.

Though initiated by George W. Bush, the NSA scandal recently brought to light during Obama's second term should wake you up. The government

has been lying to you about your privacy, period. Those 2008 "Change" posters may hold nostalgic value for you, but it's time to look at them in a different light. DOMA being repealed isn't an act of aggression toward religion and the sanctity of marriage, it's a upheaval of an infrastructure that has systematically repressed people by affecting immigration, federal benefits and income taxes for those in the minority.

Those who are unable to change their stance when appropriate information is available because of a fear of shame, or those unable to even be educated and open about others' beliefs stop progress.

In its infancy, America was founded on the freedom of, and freedom from, religion, the freedom from the rule of a non-representative government and even the coveted freedom of speech afforded us by the Bill of Rights. Every one of these changes were made by historic figures that you can bet damn well had conviction in their beliefs, but there's always another side to the coin. Conviction can make you ignorantly adamant of your possession, cue the Westboro Baptist Church.

Those who are different from you, these American citizens who have the same rights and freedoms you have, are not your opposite. Because you are in a different political party, you are not enemies. We use conviction as a facade to ignore those who do not believe in the same things we do, so we can talk instead of listen. Yet the American people — not the government, but the citizens of the United States of America — are consistently ranked in the top five countries globally in charitable donations, according to the World Giving Index. Those "hippie liberals" or "staunch conservatives" give to and love others the same as you do and will live and die according to their beliefs whether or not you allow yourself to listen to them.

We have a lot to celebrate as a country. Progress is slow but steady, and no matter the current political scandal, throughout the years the majority of Americans have voted consistently for the advancement of human rights. So for this Fourth of July, in a time of political firestorm, celebrate not just America's independence but the empathy and compassion the people of America have. I'm convinced that the American people, even Kansans, are not represented truly by our bi-partisan system, but I am open to debate. What do you think?

Michael Pagels is a May 2013 graduate. Please send comments to [opinion@kstatecollegian.com](mailto:opinion@kstatecollegian.com).

# Patriotism!



Illustration by Tennery Carttar

# Google Fiber leads to *technology hotbed* in Kansas City

Mike Stanton  
staff writer

Over the past few years, a three-block radius just across the Missouri line in Kansas City has developed into a hotbed of technological innovation. In what former K-State student Adam Arredondo describes as “a completely unplanned movement,” 24 technology-based startup companies now reside in three houses on State Line Road, collectively forming the Kansas City Startup Village.

*“Out of about 1,100 possible cities, Kansas City was chosen as the one to get Google Fiber. The tech world is watching to see what we do with it.”*

*Adam Arredondo, co-founder of Local Ruckus*

Arredondo, who co-founded an interactive community events website called Local Ruckus, says “startups” are similar to small businesses, but they tend to be more focused on innovation, particularly in technology. One reason for the high concentration of startups in Kansas City is the recent establishment of Google Fiber, which offers a free, public Internet connection that is up to 100 times faster than average broadband networks.

“Out of about 1,100 possible cities, Kansas City was chosen as the one to get Google Fiber,” Arredondo said of Google’s new project, which just announced plans to expand the network to Austin, Texas, and Provo, Utah. “The tech world is watching to see what we do with it. Even beyond just the tech guys, everyone has kind of acknowledged that we have to do something with it.”

By signing up for Fiber,

users agree to use a router that allows public access to bandwidth, and this public availability has produced favorable economic developments for the region. Arredondo knows of at least 12 out-of-state residents who moved to Kansas City to found a startup.

“It’s been a real lightning rod for our community,” he said.

Arredondo, who says his office is decked out in K-State purple, is one of many former Wildcats to find a home in the Startup Village. Toby Rush, who graduated in 1998 with a

degree in computer science, (and a passion for mobile devices.) Leap2’s re-imagined search experience, an alternative to established companies like Google and Bing, integrates more visual and social aspects than a traditional search engine.

“My big ‘ah-ha’ moment came a couple years ago when touchscreens on phones were becoming popular, and I realized that you can actually grab and move the Internet,” Farmer said.

The main difference between Leap2 and search engines like Google, Farmer said, is the absence of a list of results. Rather than simply presenting a list of links with text descriptions, Leap2 displays images of full web pages, so a user knows what to expect on a page before actually loading it. Another key aspect of Leap2 is its focus on social media, including Twitter, which Farmer says is utilized mainly by younger Internet users as a browsing platform.

“We’re kind of bringing the social media generation back to the web, but at the same time, exposing the older generation of web users to Twitter,” Farmer said.

A new feature of Leap2 called Perspectives is currently in the final stages of production and is expected to be unveiled in the next two to three weeks. Farmer says some of the inspiration for the feature stems from Pinterest.

“Perspectives creates a vision of curated search for topics or subject matter, and actually curates a search experience for the individual user,” he said. “It’s really going to play well with the social media generation.”

Farmer credits Google Fiber with bringing attention to technology in the Kansas City area and igniting the imaginations of potential innovators. It wasn’t until Fiber was integrated into the Kansas City market that Leap2 relocated to the Village house it occupies now with several other startups, but Farmer says the access typically is not an everyday necessity.

“We’ve done a few things with it on certain projects where you need to pull down a lot of data, fast, but day-to-day operations aren’t impacted very much,” he said.

Despite the opportunities for innovation and economic development that Fiber helps sustain, it isn’t without its detractors. In an April 26 Forbes article, Haydn Shaughnessy questions the effort’s staying power, citing other Google projects that have fizzled out or been abruptly cut. According to Shaughnessy, it could prove impractical to build the fiber-optic infrastructure necessary to support a significant market for Fiber.

Another concern raised by PandoDaily’s Jason Calacanis in an April 19 article is that Fiber could eventually render cable and telecom companies like Verizon and Sprint obsolete. By effectively providing free Wi-Fi connectivity in major markets, Fiber could



Mike Stanton | Collegian

Mike Farmer, 1992 K-State alum, founded a startup company called Leap2 in Kansas City, where a network of startups is thriving with the assistance of Google Fiber.

potentially cripple 3G and 4G Internet providers.

For better or for worse, Fiber has become an important reality in Kansas City. So far, the project has spawned a

tech culture that has allowed dozens of startups an opportunity to harness its power for everyday applications. Where it will go from there remains to be seen.

## Kansas City Startup Village



Iris LoCoco | Collegian

This map shows the location of the Kansas City Startup Village, where 24 companies are currently taking advantage of high-speed Google Fiber. The village includes member houses, offices and available office space.



# K-State, Manhattan area briefs



Autumn Shoemaker | La Brisa Photography

A 4-month-old chimpanzee at Sunset Zoo was officially named Nkutukoto, which means "faith" in the Samburu language of Kenya, Africa, by local citizens at a silent auction at the zoo's annual Wine in the Wild event.

**Karen Sarita Ingram**  
news editor

## Sunset Zoo announces names of baby chimpanzee, bobcat

Two animals recently born at the Sunset Zoo have officially been named. A 6-month old bobcat kitten has been named Mittens and a 4-month old chimpanzee infant has been given the name Nkutukoto (pronounced en-koo-roo-koh-toe), which means "faith" in the Samburu language of Kenya, Africa. Both baby animals were named by local community members as part of a silent auction during the zoo's annual Wine in the Wild fundraiser event on June 1. Participants wrote

their bid on a piece of paper, and the highest bid won the right to choose a name for the animal of their choice.

Scott Shoemaker, director of the Sunset Zoo, said this is the second time the zoo has used a silent auction to name baby animals. A baby colobus monkey was named by silent auction at last year's Brew at the Zoo event. Shoemaker said using a silent auction seemed to be a fairly successful method of naming animals, as it helped to raise public awareness and money for animal charities. The money raised for naming the baby chimp, for example, was donated to the Jane Goodall Institute for chimpanzee conservation.

"The money actually helps some of the

animals in the wild," Shoemaker said. "It's a fun thing to do that gets the community involved."

## Riley County Police announces DUI patrols for July 4 holiday

The Riley County Police Department has announced that there will be extra officers for a saturation patrol during the Independence Day holiday. Unlike checkpoints, which have officers at a specific location to check drivers of vehicles for signs of intoxication as they pass through, a saturation patrol consists of officers who patrol areas around the city. These

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# Four K-State students win Fulbright awards, plan for future study abroad trips

**Samantha Owen**  
staff writer

Three 2013 K-State graduates have received Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship awards and one current undergraduate won admission into the Fulbright Summer Institute. This year's winners include Stephanie Keith, who graduated in May with degrees in anthropology and international studies; Sam Kenney, May graduate in economics and international studies; and Tucker Wilson, who graduated in May with degrees in English and Spanish. Robert Breeden, junior in biology and pre-medicine, will attend the Fulbright Summer Institute.

The Fulbright Scholar Pro-

*"This is one of the biggest achievements of my life, and I am really excited to represent K-State in the manner that I get to."*

**Tucker Wilson**  
K-State alum and Fulbright English Teaching Award recipient

gram allows recent graduates to study abroad for a year in one of 135 different countries with a fully-funded grant. Scholars work as English Teaching Assistants in addition to conducting their own research.

"The Fulbright is a large state department program that's meant to create intellectual exchange through people from the United States and people from other countries," said Jim Hohenbary, assistant dean for Nationally Competitive Scholarships. Hohenbary acts as the Fulbright Scholar Program adviser for K-State and worked with all four students throughout the application process.

The new scholars said family and peer response to winning the award has been positive, ranging from encouraging to relief that the recipients will be

in a safe environment. Keith will be traveling to Germany to teach English to high school students as well as work on a community development project to assist Turkish immigrants in Germany, a change in plans that was welcomed by her family.

"I was also accepted into the Peace Corps and was supposed to be in Benin, Africa," Keith said. "So they were a little happier I would be going to Germany in place of that."

Living in a non-English-speaking country is a challenge to some Fulbright Scholars. The award itself does not require fluency in the native language of the host country, although some experience with foreign language is preferred.

"I do worry my language skills will be worse than I want, but I know that I'll be getting better as I go," Keith said. "The Fulbright is giving me an opportunity to live abroad and learn about how strong I am in unusual and sometimes uncomfortable situations."

The Fulbright stands as one of the nation's most recognized and competitive scholarships. Named for Sen. J. William Fulbright, the program began in 1946 as an effort to create international exchange and understanding in the wake of World War II. Each year, more than 1,700 students of all academic disciplines from across the U.S. receive Fulbright scholarships.

Kenney will teach English in Brazil. Before receiving the Fulbright, Kenney was accepted into the K-State Department of Economics' master's program and will defer for a year in order to complete his Fulbright Scholar Program. He plans to base his personal research project on his interest in microfinance, which he hopes will inform his graduate studies at K-State.

"What I am looking forward to, I'd say first and foremost, is getting to know and experience a different culture," Kenney said. "I'm always surprised any time I've been outside of my initial world of the United States. I've had extremely good experiences meeting different people and learning different things"

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# City hosts 2013 Country Stampede



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Jakki Thompson | Collegian

1. Thousands of people came from all over the state of Kansas, and some from out of state, to attend Country Stampede at Tuttle Creek State Park from Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30. Estimates placed the overall attendance at Country Stampede at over 150,000 people.

2. Miranda Lambert performed as the final act at the Country Stampede music festival at Tuttle Creek State Park on Sunday.

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## Review

### 'World War Z' film a poor adaptation of original novel

Movie: ★★☆☆☆  
Book: ★★★★★

E. Morgenstern  
staff writer

Most moviegoers accept that a film adaptation will be different from the book it is based on, but no matter how many movies differ from our expectations, we still expect the plot will remain largely recognizable to those familiar with the written work. In the case of "World War Z," only minuscule points of comparison can be made between Max Brooks' novel and the movie currently being shown in theaters.

Published in 2006, "World War Z" is Brooks' follow-up to 2003's "The Zombie Survival Guide." The book is presented like a set of case files — a grouping of interviews with people who had been involved in a war against the undead. Brooks introduces the interviews as information omitted from his final report, claiming the public needs to know all he discovered.

Conducted years after the declared end of the war, the series of insider accounts pieces together the world

before, during and after the war. Brooks offers viewpoints from all walks of life, including both top government officials and the men and women who served on the ground and fought zombies, hand-to-corpse. The interviews represent every country and the effect is a novel that explores not only personal accounts of war, but also the effects of war on a national and global level.

While there are graphic descriptions of zombie encounters, especially in the first part of the novel, where memories of the initial outbreak are discussed, the majority of the novel is given less to gore and more to tactical explanations of maneuvers and plans. References to real current events and wars both current and past, are woven throughout the book, giving it a feel of realism.

Instead of a story devoted to horror, Brooks' book is a thinly veiled exploration of the nature of people and government and perhaps a warning against the individualistic ways in which countries currently operate.

The film "World War Z" bears little resemblance to the



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novel. The screenplay focuses on one character's role in a war against zombies. Rather than depicting a universal problem, the film portrays Gerry Lane, played by Brad Pitt, as the hero who becomes the savior of all mankind.

A former United Nations worker, Lane is sitting with his family in traffic at the opening of the film. A radio in the background discusses the recent outbreaks that have occurred, labeling the cause a virus. Lane and his family are loving and happy, until the zombies

begin overtaking the streets. After a battle in which he saves himself and his family, they are removed to a safe ship where Lane is pulled into service in the zombie war.

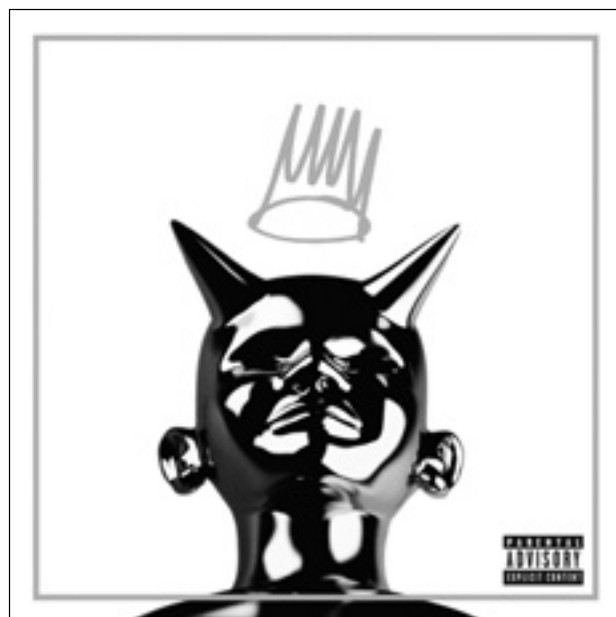
While Brooks' novel reads like a documentary about a past event, the film is set very much in the present. That is, until the final minutes, when a voiceover by Pitt sums up the effects of his heroic actions on the remainder of the war. The zombies are faster, smarter and able to work together even if seemingly by accident. Brooks'

text portrays a war that would not have ended had it not been for collective efforts, both on a country-by-country level and on an individual level. In the film, however, the turning point in the war comes only from Lane's ability to piece together information and his willingness to sacrifice himself.

Instead of an exploration of global humanity, the film places one character in the role of savior. Action sequences between man and zombie are shown, but they are somehow less chilling than the de-

scriptions found in the book. Though there are moments where one can see nods to the source text in the film, especially the scene where a tiny dog could have alerted passengers on a plane to the presence of a zombie if they would only listen to its bark, overall the film exists as a separate entity that fans of the book will likely find disappointing.

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## Review

### New J. Cole album difficult to take seriously

★★★☆☆

Joseph Wenberg  
staff writer

The summer of 2013 is an important one for American hip-hop. Numerous hip-hop artists have taken a few years to write and produce new work, and they are all looking to deliver. New and upcoming albums by Kanye West, Mac Miller and Jay-Z have all been highly anticipated releases.

All things considered, the artist who may have the most to prove with his newest album is J. Cole. "Born Sinner," the second effort by Cole to hit the market, was released on June 18, the same day as West's "Yeezus." West won the battle of the charts, selling 327,000 copies in the first week and

peaking at No. 1. "Born Sinner" was a close second on the chart, only 30,000 copies short of matching "Yeezus."

The sophomore studio album by Cole is very much a departure from the equation that made studio debut "Cole World: The Sideline Story" a commercial success. "The Sideline Story" was released in 2011 and peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard 200. Singles "Work Out" and "Can't Get Enough" were extremely successful and made it onto radio airwaves and house party playlists across the country.

Cole spits his lyrics magnificently on the tracks and relies heavily on his samples and cool rhythm to give an edge to melodies that would otherwise be considered slow

jams. This is more or less the story of the whole album, and the formula worked and made "The Sideline Story" a gold-certified album. Altogether, it showed off his versatility by being able to put out music that appeals to different audiences, whether the songs are for the clubs or are lyrically more socially conscious.

"Born Sinner" contains different portions of the formula that brought J. Cole to the forefront of the hip-hop mainstream, but it is a lot harder to take seriously. He shows much less adaptability, sticking mostly with the experimental samples and cutting out the potential for any of the album's singles to be radio hits.

As the title may suggest, the lyrical topics are much darker, and it's a common theme for the entirety of the release. In his lyrics, he struggles with the battles he faces romantically, morally, religiously and







## BRIEFS | City restricts fireworks, students indicted for fraud

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extra officers do not respond to calls, unless it is an emergency, but focus on searching for drivers who may be driving while intoxicated. According to Matthew Droge, public information officer, an average of five extra officers are on duty for saturation patrols. RCPD receives funding for saturation patrols from the Kansas Department of Transportation Highway Safety Project.

### Fireworks ordinances in Manhattan restrict times, types of fireworks

The City of Manhattan and Riley County Police Department have announced a number of city and state ordinances regarding the sale and usage of fireworks on their websites.

Matthew Droge, public information officer, said one of the most common calls on or around the Fourth of July holiday is disturbing the peace. Fireworks may be set off between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight from July 1 to July 4. Droge said it was important to respect this time frame because many people have to work in the morning and setting off fireworks very late at night can be disruptive.

City ordinance also prohibits fireworks from being thrown at people or buildings, in public streets or within 100 feet of a fireworks stand. State law prohibits the sale or possession of bottle rockets or any similar fireworks that use a guiding stick or wire. A city ordinance also prohibits sky lanterns or floating lanterns.

### K-State students indicted for visa fraud

A grand jury indictment unsealed on Tuesday charges nine K-State students from Nepal with visa fraud and conspiracy to commit visa fraud. The students, whose ages range from 32 to 43, allegedly maintained their non-immigrant visas by obtaining temporary funds in order to receive financial statements that showed that the students had the necessary financial resources to support them-



Photo courtesy of Sunset Zoo

This 6-month-old bobcat kitten, a new addition to the Sunset Zoo, received its name, Mittens, during a silent auction. The auction, held June 1 at the zoo's Wine in the Wild event, also provided a name for a 4-month-old chimpanzee, and proceeds from the event went toward various animal charities.

selves and their dependents while they pursued their degrees.

According to a Tuesday Topeka Capital-Journal article, the indictment claims that the students borrowed money temporarily from fellow Nepalese students beginning in the fall of 2008 and then returned the funds after receiving a notarized bank letter.

Assistant U.S. attorney Richard Hathaway is prosecuting, and the students could each receive a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000

for each count if they are convicted.

### K-State granted four-year concealed carry exemption

K-State has been granted an exemption from Kansas House Bill 2052, which allows the possession of firearms in state and municipal buildings unless adequate security measures are present at public entrances. Effective July 1, the bill defines adequate security measures as "the use of electronic equipment and personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the carrying of any

weapons into the state or municipal buildings."

During the four-year exemption period, the university will evaluate the costs and staffing necessary to maintain the security measures set by the law, according to a press release from K-State Communications and Marketing. New signs have been posted that identify the exemption, and the university's weapons policy will remain the same.

According to WIBW, all other Kansas Board of Regents schools requested exemptions as well.

## AWARD | Students to visit London, Argentina

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Wilson will teach in Argentina and conduct his research on community literacy programs. Wilson hopes the experience will assist in his long-term goal of starting his own literacy organization in the U.S.

"This is one of the biggest achievements of my life, and I am really excited to represent K-State in the manner that I get to," Wilson said.

Breeden, junior in biology and pre-medicine, will attend a three-week program at King's College in London as part of the Fulbright Summer Institute, a program that focuses specifically on cultural exchange between the U.S. and the United Kingdom for current undergraduates. Breeden applied to the program because he wanted to gain international experience, but his academic schedule did not permit a full semester abroad.

"I think it's exciting having this experience and getting to see London, maybe not a radically different side of the world, but a very different and unique experience," Breeden said.

Students who go on Fulbright-funded trips can also use those experiences to benefit K-State.

"If they're graduate students and they win Fulbrights and they're able to come back here and bring that experience into their research and into their classrooms, it contributes to their growth as scholars and to our research productivity," Hohenbary said.

If the Fulbright recipients do not return to K-State, their work in the program still has a positive effect on the university. Hohenbary said having multiple winners heightens K-State's profile and makes the university more attractive to incoming students looking for international experience.

"It's K-State students going out and meeting people across the globe," Hohenbary said. "You never know in the short term what could occur, what benefits those exchanges might have, which is consistent with the philosophy of the Fulbright."

## ALBUM | Shallow, immature lyrics overshadow decent beats

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financially, and almost sounds conflicted in different tracks.

Certain songs that could be construed as emotional or deep are slightly tarnished when he references profanities out of nowhere, like in the opening track "Villuminati." The

track opens with some very rhythmic percussion and beautiful strings, but he starts rapping about haters, drops the word "faggot" and gives a strange, contradictory reason for using the word. Cole's maturity level seems to have regressed from where it was at in his debut.

All in all, the album is difficult

to take seriously. Essentially, it is a repeat of "Sideline Story" but with much less thought put into it. The instrumentals are wonderful and provide a smooth, groovy vibe for each track, but in the end, listening to his lyrics counterbalanced the great work that was done musically. It's a decent effort, but very mediocre.

Cole should have put more work into his lyrical writing and shouldn't have diverted from the sound that made him famous. I give the album 2.5 out of 5 stars.

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# LOANS | Community protests interest rate increase



Russell Edem | Collegian

Donna Potts, professor of English; Majorie Pfister, Manhattan resident; and Bill Glover, president of the K-State chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, hold signs at a rally protesting the expected increase in federal student loan interest rates in Triangle Park last Thursday. Four days later, Congress recessed for the Fourth of July, allowing the rates to double.

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Future savings are expected to fall to less than \$10 billion a year from 2018 to 2023, generating a total of \$184 billion from 2013 to 2023.

“Student debt is the modern-day indentured servitude,” said Donna Potts, professor of English. “Students currently going through school will be paying off their debts for the rest of their lives. It’s unconscionable that President [Kirk] Schulz received a \$60,000 bonus — he now makes more than the President of the United States, yet students can’t afford to stay at this institution because it has become too expensive.”

Pat Embers, Manhattan resident, said she knows many students who are dealing with paying off student loans. She said she has been helping her daughter pay back her student loans and interest for some time now, and the interest rate increase could make

the situation even worse for many families.

“There are too many unfair things happening in the United States politically,” Embers said. “There are so many big businesses and bankers who take out loans and pay minimal interest on them. Yet, we continue to charge our students more and more on the loans they are taking out for higher education.”

According to an April 18 New York Times article, the federal government makes a profit of 36 cents on every dollar it lends to students.

“We are at the tipping point,” said Steve Pfister, Manhattan resident. “We’re old; we’ve been the hippies. But, people can see at a certain point where there is a large ball of vitality it is bound to and will eventually explode. Just hope that no one gets hurt. And right now, that is what is happening with the federal student loan and the federal student loan interest rate.”

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## The Blotter: June 25 to July 1 arrest reports

Tuesday, June 25

**Becky Jo Kottke**, of Wamego, was booked for endangering a child and battery. Bond was set for \$1,500.

**Daniel Joseph Henry**, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was booked for two counts of failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Wednesday, June 26

**Troy Allen Jensen**, of Lawrence, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**Sumatra Latay Haynes**, of the 200 block of Westwood Road, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$2,250.

**Elizabeth Ann Owen**, of the 700 block of Ridgewood

Drive, was booked for misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$250.

**Melanie Kenny Jordan**, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$255.67.

**Christopher Cody Martinez**, of Kansas City, Mo., was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Thursday, June 27

**Jeffrey David Hull**, of the Riley, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**William Lightner Thompson**, of the 600 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$159.

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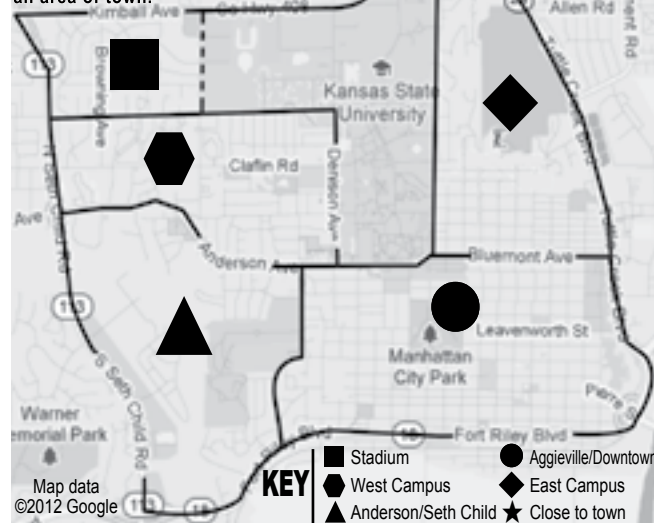
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**George Harrison Burwell**, of Goddard, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Cody Tyler Fisher**, of the 4100 block of Taneil Drive, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

**Jesse Paul Adams**, of the 2700 block of Brookville Drive,

was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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**Matthew Walter Schoettle**, of Junction City, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$205.

**Nathan Ty Luea**, of Ellis, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence and improper driving on a laned roadway. Bond was set at \$500.

**Brian Michael Dall**, of

Wamego, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

**Garcia Ivelisse**, of the 3000 block of Claflin Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

**Russell Christian Goss**, of the 1900 block of Ranser Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

**James Andrew Westgate**, of St. George, Kan., was booked

for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

**Robert John Edleston II**, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Bradley Scott Whitley**, of Sabetha, Kan., was booked for two counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,250.

**Raymon Levi Hunter**, of Hutchinson, Kan., was booked for battery against a law en-

forcement officer, possession of drugs, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$6,600.06.

**James Jackson Anderson**, of Grand Island, Neb., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

**Christopher Mathew Payton**, of Wamego, was booked for possession of para-

phernalia to grow or distribute marijuana and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Brandon James Crubel**, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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